



# Crime Watch News

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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

The next citywide monthly meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday**  
**March 16, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Long Beach Water Department**  
**1800 East Wardlow Road**

Please plan on attending and these meetings are open to everyone in the community. Therefore, bring your friends and neighbors. Children are also welcome.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Sunday, March 20, 2005, 12:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
**2ND ANNUAL LONG BEACH PEACE FESTIVAL**  
Veteran's Park Community Center — 101 E. 28th Street, Long Beach  
For further information, Contact Gabrielle Weeks: (562) 435-5836
- ◆ Saturday, March 26, 2005, 9:30 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.  
**HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR - MADRES UNIDAS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
Admiral Kidd Park — 2125 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach  
For further information, contact Magna Gonzales: (562) 570-5087



# KILLER WAVE! Tsunami

## SAVE THE DATE

37TH ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, May 17, 2005, the 37th Annual Police Awards Luncheon will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, 300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach. There will be a reception at 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch and the awards program at 12:00 noon.

The Police Department has developed a new opportunity for community partnership. We have established several sponsorship categories to assist us in publicly honoring citizens and police employees who have distinguished themselves by their brave or unselfish acts of heroism. These individuals are recognized at our Annual Awards Luncheon, which is the largest event that the Long Beach Police Department hosts and is attended by about 1,000 supporters each year.

The Awards Luncheon recognizes the importance of acknowledging the heroes in our community. In order to continue this tradition, we look for your partnership and assistance in the hopes that you or your business will consider one of these opportunities to support this worthwhile event. If you know of an organization who might also be interested in this sponsorship, please pass along this information.

**Closing date for sponsors to be included in the commemorative program is April 8, 2005**

For additional information or to sign up for a sponsorship, please contact Dominic Davis at (562) 570-7215 or Michelle Foote at (562) 570-5729.

## DON'T BE SCAMMED BY FALSE TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

A disaster such as the recent Tsunami in Asia often brings out the best in people. Unfortunately it also brings out the worst - in the form of con artists and other thieves who prey upon kind people who want to help the victims.

According to the FBI, several scams are out there. Why should we be surprised? Criminals are using email and websites to siphon charitable contributions for tsunami victims into their own pockets.

What kind of schemes?

1. False websites have been established that pretend to be legitimate relief organizations asking for donations — one of which contains an imbedded Trojan exploit that can infect your computer with a virus if accessed.
2. Unsolicited incoming emails (SPAM) that offer, for a fee, to locate loved ones who may have been a disaster victim.
3. Unsolicited emails requesting that money be deposited in overseas banks to support the tsunami relief effort.
4. Unsolicited emails which seek personal or financial information in an effort to retrieve large amounts of inheritance funds tied up in relation to the tsunami disaster.

If you're considering on-line options for providing funding to this relief effort:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming emails.
- Be skeptical of individuals claiming to be surviving victims or foreign government officials asking for help in placing large sums of money in overseas bank accounts
- To ensure that contributions to U.S. based non-profit organizations are used for intended purposes, go directly to recognized charities and aid organizations websites, as opposed to following a link to another site.



Matthew Z. Schmieder  
1st Scam Arrest by FBI

- Try to verify the legitimacy of non-profit organizations (e.g., use Internet-based resources to help confirm the existence of the organization and its non-profit status).
- Be leery of emails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.

Several variations of this scam are currently in circulation. Anyone who has received an email referencing the above information or anyone who may have been a victim of this or a similar incident should notify the FBI or the Internet Crime Complaint Center via the website, [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

Besides acknowledged and recognized disaster agencies such as the [American Red Cross](http://www.americanredcross.org), you may want to look at [USA Freedom Corps](http://www.usafreedomcorps.org) for a lengthy list of relief agencies that are helping the victims.



## HEADQUARTERS MOVE

The Public Safety Building, located at 400 W. Broadway, which houses Long Beach Police Headquarters is nearing the completion of its seismic retrofit and remodeling that began in mid-February 2002. During the months of March and April 2005, the department's administrative and investigative offices, along with the South Patrol Division, which are currently located at 100 Long Beach Boulevard, will move back to the 400 W. Broadway location in several phases.

The South Patrol Division will be the first to move on Saturday, March 5, 2005. This transition will not affect police services to the citizens of Long Beach.

The Business Desk will remain at 100 Long Beach Boulevard until the end of March.

All correspondence to the Police Department should continue to be forwarded to 100 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802 until further notice. All phone numbers within the Police Department will remain the same.



## Long Beach Police Explorers are CHAMPIONS



The Long Beach Police Department Explorer Program participated in the 7th Annual Law Enforcement Explorer Tactical Competition hosted by the Chandler Police Department in Arizona. The Tactical Competition was held from January 14 through January 16, 2005. The Long Beach team consisted of 15 Explorers and four Explorer Advisors.

The Tactical Competition is comprised of scenarios with an emphasis on teamwork and tactics just like a SWAT Team. The competition tests the Explorers abilities in tactics, confidence, and teamwork.

The competition had 55 teams from various agencies throughout the States of California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota and Texas. There were 200 Advisors and 600 Explorer participants in the event. The Explorers were trained by their advisors over the past several months.

We are proud to announce the Long Beach Police Department's success in the following events:

The LBPd Explorer teams placed 1st in Hostage Rescue, 1st in Marijuana Raid Field, 1st in Hostage Negotiations, and 1st in Paintball Challenge. In individual events, Monique Hudson took 1st place in the Obstacle Course (female) and Fernando Chavez-Flores took 5th Place in the Obstacle Course (male). These are outstanding results due to not only the high level of competition, but also the number of teams competing for the limited total of events.

The Long Beach Explorer team consisted of Justin Hidalgo, Phil Aguet, John Franklin, Vanessa Ochoa, Explorers Daniel Bradford, Fernando Chavez-Flores, Jose Cortez, Miguel Cortez, Lynsey Dennison, Jesus Diaz, Monique Hudson, Michael Luciano, Daniel Mazzoni, Lydia Rangel, and Martin Vasquez.

The Explorer Program is designed for youths between the ages of 14-20 who have an expressed interest in the law enforcement field. Any youth interested in the program should contact: Detective Rodney Tamparong

## GOLD SHIELD AWARDS

*The Long Beach Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Group is pleased to announce the 2005 Gold Shield Awards Recipients. Individuals and groups who, as participants in the Neighborhood Watch Program, have contributed to the improvement of their neighborhood are recognized. Here is a list of 2005 Recipients:*

### **Block Captain Recipients:**

♦ Edelma D'Trinidad  
3800 Block of Marron Ave.

♦ Henry Brummer  
1500 Block of Lincoln St.

♦ Jeff Allen  
2600 Block of East 56th Street  
Southwood Apartments

### **Group Recipients:**

♦ 6700 Block of Gardenia Ave  
Block Captains:  
Anne Greeson  
Maurice Greeson

♦ 700 Block Via Wanda-  
Carmelitos Housing  
Block Captain:  
Maria Elena Moriela

*Join us in honoring our Gold Shield Awards Recipients on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Annual Neighborhood Watch Barbecue.*



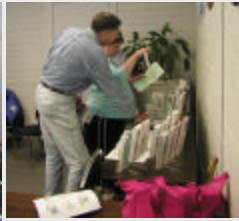
## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month's Success Story highlights Block Captain Training Day!  
Please share your own Neighborhood Watch success story by emailing it to [Lisa\\_Massacani@longbeach.gov](mailto:Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov)

On Saturday, February 19, 2005, the Long Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit hosted its first ever Block Captain Training Day. Despite torrential downpours all morning, 63 Block Captains braved the flooded streets and participated in the event. Block Captains were able to meet each other and share tips, challenges and successes, while learning about a variety of resources geared toward public safety.

The first half of the morning included a presentation on getting organized and motivated. It was especially helpful to those whose groups have not been meeting regularly. After the networking break, there was an introduction to the Apartment Watch Program and a volunteer from the Fire Department provided a motivational presentation on Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.). The keynote speaker, FBI Terrorism Analyst Arlene Arzola-Kloch, enlightened us on how Neighborhood Watch participants play a key role in Homeland Security. Her energizing presentation provided direction and examples of recognizing and reporting possible terrorism related activity and other interesting information.

Participants overwhelmingly expressed that this event was very worthwhile and were excited to share the information they learned with their Neighborhood Watch group. Another Block Captain Training Day is tentatively planned for October, so stay tuned for more information. Many thanks to our enthusiastic Block Captains and to the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Group for helping to make this event a success!



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